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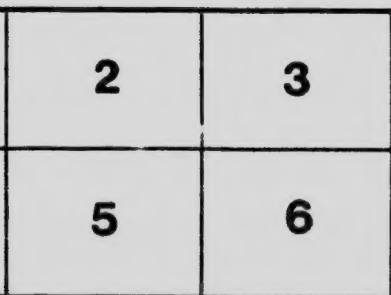
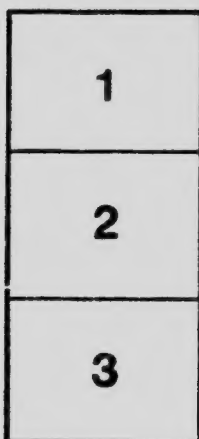
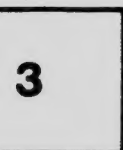
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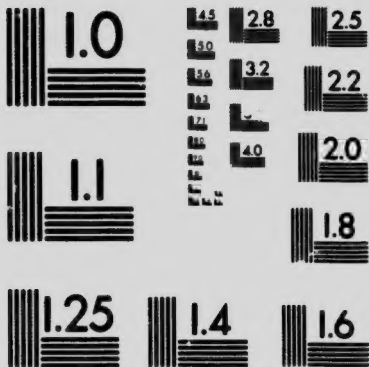
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Canada's National Missionary Policy

Adopted at

National Missionary Congress

Toronto

April 3rd, 1909

And since Endorsed by

Presbyterian General Assembly

Congregational Union of Canada

All Anglican Church Synods of Ecclesiastical
Province of Canada that have since met

and

The Methodist Conferences throughout the
Dominion.

To be submitted to Baptist Convention in
October and other Denominational
Bodies as they shall meet.

July, 1909.

Report of Committee on Canada's National Missionary Policy, submitted and adopted at National Missionary Congress, Toronto, Saturday, April 3rd, 1909.

(1) Your committee recommends that the report of the Canadian Council of the Laymen's Missionary Movement to this Congress be received, approved and printed as part of the record of the proceedings of this Congress. (See extract herewith.)

(2) That the Canadian Council be continued, and its work extended, in the hope of enlisting the whole Church membership of Canada in active and sympathetic co-operation in carrying on the great missionary enterprise.

(3) That a permanent Secretary be employed by the Council, and that this Congress provide for the expense of the movement for a period of three years.

(4) That the methods of missionary education and finance, found so successful by the Council, be recommended for general adoption.

(5) That an Interdenominational Co-operating Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement be organized in every city, town and community, which shall keep in touch with the general movement, and co-operate with all individual congregations in reaching and maintaining their highest missionary efficiency.

(6) That the following statement be adopted, as expressing the conviction of the Congress with reference to the outstanding features of what may be called Canada's missionary policy:—

In view of the universality and finality of the Gospel of Christ, and of the spiritual needs of mankind, we believe that the Church of our generation should undertake to obey literally the command of Christ to preach the Gospel to every creature.

According to their several ability and opportunity, we believe that the laymen of the Churches are equally responsible with the ordained ministers to pray and to work for the coming of the Kingdom of God upon earth.

We believe that every Christian should recognize the world as his field, and to the full measure of his ability work for its evangelization.

We recognize the clear duty of the Churches of Canada to evangelize all those in the Dominion, or who come to our shores, who have not been led into the Christian life, and also to provide for the adequate preaching of the Gospel to forty millions of souls in the non-Christian world.

We accept the estimates of our missionary leaders, that at least \$1,300,000 annually should be contributed towards our home mission work, and \$3,200,000 annually to foreign mission work by the Churches represented in this Congress, aggregating a communicant membership of about nine hundred thousand.

We confidently believe that the spirit of unity and co-operation so manifested in this movement will find expression in practical methods of co-operation in both the home and foreign field, so that unnecessary duplication of work may be avoided.

We believe that the call to make dominant and regnant in all human relationship, either personal, racial or national, the principles and spirit of Jesus Christ, presents to every man his supreme opportunity of development, usefulness and satisfaction, and we appeal to men everywhere to invest their intelligence, their influence, their energy and their possessions in the effort of combined Christianity to redeem the world.

Remembering that the promises of blessing are conditional upon obedience to the will of God, and recognizing the deep spiritual quickening which has already come to our Churches through the awakening of the missionary spirit, we call upon the whole of the Churches here represented to unite with us in discharging our personal and national missionary obligations.

Assembled in the first National Missionary Congress of modern times, and deeply persuaded of the power of combined and co-operative Christianity to solve all the problems of human society, we desire to unite with the Churches of our sister countries throughout Christendom as loyal servants of the King of Kings, in a comprehensive and adequate crusade for the winning of mankind to Jesus Christ, "Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life," "The desire of nations" and the "Light of the world."

Extract from Report of the Canadian Council of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The communicant membership of the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches in Canada for the year 1908 was.....	891,028
The contributions of these Churches for Home Mission Work, being all the mission work carried on within Canada, were	\$1,097,351.00
(An average of \$1.23 per member.)	
This income should be at once increased to not less than..	1,300,000.00
The contributions of these Churches for Foreign Mission Work, being all the mission work carried on outside Canada, were	574,213.10
(An average of \$4c per member.)	
The contributions from the smaller Communions and Inter-denominational organizations for Foreign Missions, were	130,436.00
Or a total for Foreign Missions of	\$ 704,649.10

From the best information obtainable, it would appear that the Churches of Canada, co-operating in this movement, should assume as their share of world responsibility the evangelisation of not less than 40,000,000 people living in non-Christian lands.

There are between 400 and 450 foreign missionaries now in the field maintained by the Churches and various Interdenominational missionary organizations drawing support and sending missionaries from Canada. This number of missionaries should be increased to 1,600, and the annual contributions to \$2,000,000, making the total annual missionary contributions necessary for the discharge of our missionary responsibility at home and abroad for an average of \$5.00 per communicant church member.

The Council, in carrying out its work, has found the following methods most successful in the individual church:

- (1) The presentation by the clergyman or pastor of the missionary enterprise and the furnishing of missionary information to his people persistently, sympathetically and prayerfully.
- (2) A Missionary Committee of the strongest and best men in the church, appointed in every church by the Governing Board of the church.
- (3) A weekly offering for missions, placing the missionary enterprise on its financial side on the same systematic basis as the other finances.
- (4) A thorough canvass of the members of the church by the Missionary Committee, in order that every member of the church may be helped to realize his personal interest and responsibility for the work.
- (5) Public education and agitation by laymen. Wherever laymen have caught the vision of the world's need, and their share of responsibility to meet this need, and have carried this message to their brother laymen, there has invariably come a general and sympathetic response.
- (6) A statement of the needs of the whole world, instead of a portion. The presentation of world responsibility, followed by a statement of the share of the Church in that responsibility.

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